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Now therefore I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, in accordance with international law and practice, and by virtue of the Act of Congress aforesaid, and as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, do hereby find and proclaim that the imperative military needs of the United States require the immediate utilization of vessels of Netherlands registry, now lying within the territorial waters of the United States; and I do therefore authorize and empower the Secretary of the Navy to take over on behalf of the United States the possession of and to employ all such vessels of Netherlands registry as may be necessary for essential purposes connected with the prosecution of the war against the Imperial German Government. The vessels shall be manned, equipped, and operated by the Navy Department and the United States Shipping Board, as may be deemed expedient; and the United States Shipping Board shall make to the owners thereof full compensation, in accordance with the principles of international law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE in the District of Columbia, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and [SEAL.] eighteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-second.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State.

EXECUTIVE ORDER TAKING POSSESSION OF EQUIPMENT ON BOARD
NETHERLANDS VESSELS

No. 2825-A. March 28, 1918

In pursuance of the authority conferred upon the President of the United States by the Act approved June 15, 1917, entitled, "An Act making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes," the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to take over, on behalf of the United States, possession of all tackle, apparel, furniture and equipment and all stores, including bunker fuel, aboard each of the vessels of Netherlands registry now lying within the territorial jurisdiction

of the United States, possession of which was taken in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States promulgated March 20, 1918; and in every instance in which such possession has heretofore been taken of such tackle, apparel, furniture, equipment, and stores, such taking is hereby adopted and made of the same force and effect as if it had been made subsequent to the signing of this executive order.

The United States Shipping Board shall make to the owners of any tackle, apparel, furniture, equipment, and stores taken under the authority of this order full compensation in accordance with the principles of international law.

WOODROW WILSON.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
March 28, 1918.

PROCLAMATION INCLUDING CERTAIN CITIZENS OR SUBJECTS OF GERMANY
OR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AS "ENEMIES" FOR PURPOSES OF TRADING
WITH THE ENEMY ACT.

No. 1454. May 31, 1918

WHEREAS paragraph (c) of section two of the Act entitled "An Act to define, regulate, and punish trading with the enemy, and for other purposes," approved October 6, 1917, known as the Trading with the Enemy Act, provides that the word "enemy" as used therein shall be deemed to mean, for the purpose of such trading and of said Act, in addition to the individuals, partnerships, or other bodies of individuals or corporations specified in paragraph (a), and in addition to the government and political or municipal subdivisions, officers, officials, agents, or agencies thereof specified in paragraph (b), of said section two, the following:

Such other individuals, or body or class of individuals, as may be natives, citizens, or subjects of any nation with which the United States is at war, other than citizens of the United States, wherever resident or wherever doing business, as the President, if he shall find the safety of the United States or the successful prosecution of the war shall so require, may, by proclamation, include within the term "enemy";

Now, therefore, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States of America, pursuant to the authority vested in me, and in accordance with the provisions of the said Act of October 6, 1917, known as the Trading with the Enemy Act, do hereby find that the